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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/469,637
Title: *Non-Invasive Enzyme Screen for Tissue Remodelling-Associated Conditions*
Filed: December 22, 1999
Inventors: Marsha A. Moses, et al.
Our Ref. No.: CMZ-083CPCN

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
2. A return postcard.

No additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, please charge any other necessary fees due in connection with the enclosed statement to our Deposit Order Account No. 12-0080. For this purpose, a duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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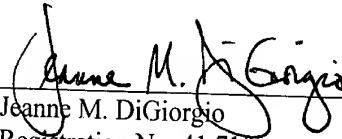
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diagnosis. Further, in regard to the species election, Applicants elect the condition of tissue remodelling-associated condition and the matrix-digesting enzyme.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on
November 21, 2000.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-34, 47, 48, 50-55, 64-103) without
traverse. Claims 1-34, 47, 48, 50-55, 64-103 are drawn to methods for facilitating a